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FM AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS  
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E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR

SUBJECT: CSCE: SOVIETS PRESS BELGIANS ON OPENING DATE

1. FONOFF OFFICIAL ( BOUCKAERT, SOVIET AND EE AFFAIRS) TELLS US  
THAT SOVIET AMBASSADOR SOBOLEV CALLED ON DAVIGNON MAY 8 TO  
SAY THAT FINNS REQUIRED SIX WEEKS ADVANCE NOTICE IN ORDER TO HOST  
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CSCE FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING. SOBOLEV THEN GAVE JUNE 27 AS DATE SOVIETS WISHED TO HAVE FOREIGN MINISTERS CONVEY AND ASKED FOR BELGIAN AGREEMENT TO NOTIFY FINNS NOW THAT JUNE 27 IS THE DESIRED DATE. SOBOLEV DID NOT MENTION MBFR IN CONNECTION WITH CSCE TIMETABLE.

2. DAVIGNON REPLIED THAT ONLY SUBSTANTIVE PROGRESS IN HELSINKI COULD DETERMINE WHEN FOREIGN MINISTERS MIGHT MEET, AND THAT BELGIUM IS UNWILLING TO COMMIT ITSELF TO ANY DATE AT THIS JUNCTURE.

3. ( SOBOLEV WANTED TO DISCUSS THE KISSINGER SPEECH AND BEGAN BY ASKING ABOUT " THIS PLAN TO CHANGE THE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE." DAVIGNON, WHO HAD ANOTHER APPOINTMENT, REFUSED TO INTERNATIONAL ARENAS.

AMBASSADOR EXPLAINED HE ALSO ACCREDITED TO UN AND WOULD FIND IT USEFUL KNOW US POSITION AHEAD OF TIME IN ORDER COORDINATE WITH MRGD IN COTONOU TO WORK OUT MUTUALLY SATISFACTORY APPROACHES.

2. NEWSOM ACKNOWLEDGED GOOD BILATERAL RELATIONS IN PAST AND STATED US PLEASED TO HAVE BEEN ABLE PARTICIPATE DAHOMEY'S DEVELOPMENT. HE EMPHASIZED THIS DUE NOT ONLY TO GOVERNMENTS BUT LARGELY TO EXTRAORDINARY DAHOMEAN PEOPLE. NEWSOM CITED LETTER RECENTLY RECEIVED FROM AMBASSADOR ANDERSON WHO INFORMED THAT US INVESTMENT GROWING IN DAHOMEY AS RESULT EFFORTS THERE AND HERE, AND POINTED OUT THAT WE ARE PREPARED DO WHATEVER WE CAN TO HELP DAHOMEY EMBASSY WITH US BUSINESSMEN. IN POLITICAL DOMAIN, NEWSOM SAID NOTHING SHOULD CHANGE BECAUSE OF NEW DAHOMEY GOVERNMENT. AS HE HAD TOLD RECENT QUESTIONERS, NEWSOM ADDED, CHANGES OF GOVERNMENT IN AFRICA NOT NECESSARILY SIGN OF " INSTABILITY" OR " WEAKNESS" BUT RATHER OF DYNAMISM AND IMPATIENCE OF PEOPLE COPING WITH PROBLEMS. NEWSOM ASKED ADJIBADE ASSURE MRGD THAT ITS INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL POLITICS WERE STRICTLY ITS OWN BUSINESS. USG WOULD TAKE POSITION ONLY WHEN ISSUE AFFECTED ONE OF OUR OWN INTERESTS. NEWSOM ADDED UNDERSTANDING OF ADJIBADE UN SERVICE AND OFFERED MEET AMBASSADOR PRIOR NEXT UNGA IF LATTER FELT THIS USEFUL.

3. ADJIBADE ALSO BRIEFED NEWSOM ON CURRENT STATUS VARIOUS ASSISTANCE PROJECTS INCLUDING \$11 MILLION IBRD LOAN FOR PARAKOU- MALANVILLE ROAD SCHEDULED FOR MAY 20 BOARD CONSIDERATION, \$1.9 MILLION BOHICON- PARAKOU TELECOM LOAN WHICH AWAITED MRGD SELECTION OF BIDDER, COTONOU BRIDGE/ DAM, ABATTOIR AND FAMINE RELIEF. ON LAST, ADJIBADE SAID EMBASSY AWAITS ADDITIONAL DATA TO FINALIZE FORMAL REQUEST PROMISED DR. ADAMS. ADJIBADE ALSO MENTIONED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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POSSIBILITY SUGAR REFINERY AND TOMATO PASTE CANNERY  
SUBMITTED EXIM BANK BY LANG- LONHRO.

4. AMBASSADOR CONCLUDED BY NOTING OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS  
WERE GOOD BUT BY HOPING THEY WOULD GET BETTER. ROGERS

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